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MOTION TO INSTRUCT THE INTERIM CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER AND THE COUNTY'S LEGISLATIVE ADVOCATES TO SUPPORT LEGISLATION, INCLUDING SENATE BILL 32 (SB 32), WHICH WOULD EXTEND CALIFORNIA'S EFFORTS TO COMBAT CLIMATE CHANGE (ITEM NO. 49-E, SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA OF AUGUST 11, 2015)

Item No. 49-E on the August 11, 2015 Supplemental Agenda is a motion by Supervisor Kuehl instructing the Interim Chief Executive Officer and the County's legislative advocates to support legislation, including Senate Bill 32 (SB 32), which would: 1) extend California's efforts to combat climate change by setting interim- and long-range targets for reducing greenhouse gas emissions; 2) provide flexibility to adjust the State's greenhouse gas (GHG) emission reduction strategies based on changing technological and economic conditions; and 3) prioritize complementary goals of job creation, improved public health, technology innovation, and regional policy collaboration.

Background

In 2005, then-Governor Schwarzenegger issued an Executive Order calling for GHG emissions reductions to 1990 levels by 2020, and to 80 percent below 1990 levels by 2050.

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In 2006, the Legislature passed and the Governor signed **County-supported AB 32** (Chapter 488, Statutes of 2006), the California Global Warming Solutions Act, which requires California to reduce GHG emissions to 1990 levels by 2020, and to maintain and continue reductions beyond 2020. The California Air Resources Board (CARB), working with other State agencies, has since developed and implemented various regulations and programs to reduce emissions across the State and to meet AB 32's targets. As a result, California is on track to achieve the near-term 2020 emissions limit established by AB 32, and to begin to focus on developing regulations and mechanisms to achieve longer term GHG emission goals.

On April 29, 2015, Governor Brown issued an Executive Order to establish a California GHG reduction target of 40 percent below 1990 levels by 2030 -- the most ambitious GHG reduction target in the country. The Governor noted that this interim target would help meet the State's long-term goal of reducing GHG emissions to 80 percent below 1990 levels by 2050.

SB 32 (Pavley)

SB 32, which as amended on June 1, 2015, would require CARB to approve statewide GHG emissions limits equivalent to 40 percent below the 1990 level by 2030, and 80 percent below the 1990 level by 2050. Specifically, this bill:

- 1) Requires CARB to approve, based on the best available scientific, technological, and economic assessments, the following statewide limits on GHG emissions, including short-lived climate pollutants:
 - a) 40 percent below the 1990 level by 2030.
 - b) 80 percent below the 1990 level by 2050.
- 2) Authorizes CARB to approve an interim GHG emissions target to be achieved by 2040.
- 3) States legislative intent for the Legislature and appropriate agencies to adopt complementary policies that ensure the long-term emissions reductions adopted pursuant to the 2030 and 2050 limits advance all of the following:
 - a) Job growth and local economic benefits in California.

- b) Public health benefits for California residents, particularly in disadvantaged communities.
- c) Innovation in technology and energy, water, and resource management practices.
- d) Regional and international collaboration to adopt similar GHG emissions reduction policies.

SB 32, as currently amended, is intended to put the Governor's Executive Order directives into statute and to extend the emissions reduction provisions of the California Global Warming Solutions Act (AB 32) beyond 2020. This bill does not, however, extend the market-based compliance mechanism provision of AB 32, under which CARB adopted the cap-and-trade regulations and program authorized through 2020.

SB 32 is supported by the: American Heart Association; American Lung Association in California; California Green Business Network; California Municipal Utilities Association; California Public Health Association; Coalition for Clean Air; Los Angeles Business Council; Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors; South Coast Air Quality Management District; and Ventura County Board of Supervisors, among others.

This measure is opposed by the: Associated Builders and Contractors of California; California Building Industry Association; California Independent Petroleum Association; Los Angeles County Business Federation; South Bay Association of Chambers of Commerce; and Valley Industry and Commerce Association, among others.

SB 32 has been referred to the Assembly Appropriations Committee where it is awaiting a hearing.

Conclusion

The Board-adopted 2015-16 State Legislative Agenda contains various policies to support proposals that would assist local government compliance with existing and pending regulations to reduce emissions from both mobile and fixed sources and to support measures that incentivize actions by the County and other local governments to reduce GHG emissions and meet AB 32 of 2006 mandates both through their operations and their regulatory authority.

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However, because the motion proposes supporting extending the GHG emission reduction targets established by AB 32 in 2006 into the future, support for the motion is a matter for Board policy determination.

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